

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A service management method which makes a computer execute the steps of:

registering unique data to specify each product-in-circulation delivered to a service receiver and expiring date data of the product-in-circulation in a terminal;

detecting use of the product-in-circulation used by a service receiver via a network;

recognizing the use of the product-in-circulation as a purchase action;

calculating an account of a product-in-circulation recognized as the purchase action, out of products-in-circulation delivered to the service receiver, in accordance with the expiring date data of the product-in-circulation.

2. (Original) The service management method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising the step of outputting an instruction to collect an unused product-in-circulation of all products-in-circulation delivered to the service receiver, after a prescribed duration.

3-14. Withdrawn

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing program product recording a service management program executed by a processor, which ~~makes a computer execute~~ ~~performs~~ a service management method which has the steps of comprising:

registering unique data to specify each product-in-circulation delivered to a service receiver and expiring date data of the product-in-circulation in a terminal;

detecting use of the product-in-circulation used by a service receiver via a network;

recognizing the use of the product-in-circulation as a purchase action; calculating an account of a product-in-circulation recognized as the purchase action, of all products-in-circulation, in accordance with the expiring date data of the product-in-circulation.

16-29. Withdrawn

30. (New) The service management method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the account is a list of product-in-circulations that are to be charged.

31. (New) The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 15, wherein the account is a list of product-in-circulations that are to be charged.